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Upheavals part of life for Byrds in Guatemala

By Martha Skelton

DURHAM, N. C. (BP)—Reports of the recent governmental coup in Guatemala sounded like a familiar refrain to Harry and Jean Byrd.

Now in North Carolina on furlough, the Byrds have been Southern Baptist missionaries to the Middle American country since 1967. For them, upheaval is a part of the toll road to their chosen way of service.

And it is a toll road.

The Byrds came home to North Carolina in June with the toll of recent years in Guatemala reflected on their faces and physical conditions. Byrd, as mission president until his furlough, has had to deal not only with external uncertainties, but also with a major crisis in the Guatemala Baptist Convention.

The strain contributed to his several stays in a hospital before furlough—a furlough they postponed because of the need to stay and work. An asthmatic, Byrd has maintained his work load for the mission and has been interim pastor of a local church. But not without cost.

Jean Byrd has borne the emotional strain of supporting her husband while fulfilling her outside responsibilities. She was forced from her car at gunpoint when it was stolen (later recovered) during this last term. Their teen-age son, Emerson, narrowly missed an apparent kidnap attempt on a Guatemala City street.

But don't ask the Byrds why they stay. The real key is not why, but who.

Even before they went to the mission field, they faced some tough chal-

lenges.

"Harry, it's just like taking your whole family and putting it on the chopping block," his mother said when she heard of their missions commitment.

But he had felt God's leading to go.

Byrd, who has been active in theological education as former seminary president and now as extension teacher, recalls an incident several years ago in a seminar in a rural Baptist church.

"There was a pastor there I knew had to come part way by horse, part by a type of railroad and then walk," he says. "He had a little boy with him. The son could read and write and the father could not. So the son would take down the material."

"That turned me on," the missionary says, smiling. "It was important enough to him that he'd gone that dis-

taunce and was paying for his son so he could get it down."

Drawing on their spiritual resources, they stay.

"We've learned more about spiritual warfare," Byrd says. "Parts of the Bible take on new meaning." And Christian teaching says not to give just one time or several times, but over and over.

This term, for the first time, Byrd checked about evacuation procedures at the American Embassy in Guatemala City. "They did develop a plan, really after things got better," he says.

The consular officer asked Byrd how long he had been in Guatemala. When Byrd told him 15 years, the man responded, "You need to be telling me what to do."

(Martha Skelton is associate editor of the Commission.)



Missionaries don't quit in the face of discouragements such as external political uncertainties or internal Baptist crisis, says Harry Byrd (left), missionary to Guatemala since 1967. Byrd, Baptist mission president for 11 years, talks in Guatemala City with missionary Don Doyle (center) and Emilio Cascenada, a member of Jericho Baptist Church, a congregation Byrd led as interim pastor until he returned to the United States in June for furlough. (BP) PHOTO By Don Rutledge.



The close contacts of local church work have been, especially meaningful for missionaries and Guatemalans in the upheavals of the past few years, says missionary Jean Byrd, here talking with a Jericho Baptist Church choir member after a service at Christ Is Lord mission in Guatemala City. "For some time, when we got into a home service or small group at church, somebody's relative had been killed or kidnapped." It has been a time of mutual comfort and encouragement. (BP) PHOTO By Don Rutledge.

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Church plans violations of tax laws

NEWTON, Ks. (EP)—For the first time, a church in the U.S. says it will break the law by not withholding federal taxes from employees who object to military spending. Members of the General Conference Mennonite Church say using their tax money for the military violates their pacifist beliefs, church spokesman Larry Cornies said Aug. 3.

Since 1975, the church, which has 65,000 members, has asked the Internal Revenue Services to exempt it from withholding federal taxes. It has also lobbied Congress and gone to court. Civil disobedience, Cornies said, was the last resort.

So far, 10 of the 40 workers at the church's headquarters in Newton, Ks., have refused to pay federal taxes. The church is holding a "tax resistance" conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Education Issue



Editorials..... by don mcgregor

Baptist Christian education

For many years it has been traditional with the Baptist Record to have an issue in August devoted to Christian education. We feel that the concept of Christian principles being infused into the education process is important enough that we would continue to call attention to it at least on a once a year basis.

This is our annual emphasis on Christian education, and we hope our readers will give particular attention to this emphasis.

When one begins to consider the impact that Baptist Christian education has had on Baptist work in general around the world, it boggles the imagination. There would be no way to completely comprehend it. It is a continuing ripple effect as young people trained in Baptist colleges and universities go out into society and make their influence felt wherever they are called on to serve. This is an influence that circles the globe as it continually moves out from our Baptist colleges. As the graduates of the colleges walk from their halls and out into the world they are prepared to earn their way in the market place by what they have learned in the classroom, and they are also prepared to provide a Christian witness wherever they go because of the influence that has been draped about them like a mantle during their student days.

Many of these students, of course, move into places of ministry; and this influence is multiplied many times over as they pass it on to generation after generation of those who are blessed by their ministry. These products of Baptist Christian education are to be found all over the world as they serve in mission fields and from pulpits right here in the United States. They are living testimonies of the faith our Baptist forefathers had in establishing Baptist colleges.

The ministerial students, however, are only a small portion of student bodies that are to be found on Baptist college campuses. All of the other students, those studying accounting, physics, mathematics, business, chemistry, history, English, and whatever else are also products of the influence that Christian education has to wield; and they also leave those

halls to further that influence wherever their shadows fall.

The Baptist Record is proud once again to call attention to our Baptist education endeavors in Mississippi and to salute them. This is an endeavor that is to be found not only on Baptist College campuses but also at our Baptist hospital. Also, of course, not every one can attend a Baptist college, so the Baptist Christian influence is spread

onto every other campus in our state through the efforts of the Baptist Student Union.

Higher education is not an easy provision. It is difficult to organize and difficult to find ways of financing. For the student it means long hours of intense effort and financial sacrifice for his family. It is always worth the time, money, and effort, however; and on Baptist College campuses it is doubly so.

Faces And Places..... by anne washburn mcwilliams

"I have sharpened my tools"

NOTE: Mississippi Baptist Seminary has registered 1,051 students in the past year in 26 extension centers, 335 ministers. The school was founded 41 years ago, in 1942. Dick Brogan is its fifth president; the first four were Herbert L. Lang, W. A. Keel, W. P. Davis, and T. B. Brown.

Why did Mary Jane Jones keep on studying until she could reach out last May for the first doctor of ministry degree Mississippi Baptist Seminary had ever handed to a woman?

One reason she gives: "A pastor's wife ought to be as dedicated as he is. She ought to have some type of religious training, though not necessarily a doctor's degree." Her husband, Aaron Isaiah Jones, is pastor of the Pearl River Valley Baptist Church at Monticello, teaches at the Central Center of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and is author of the Broadman book, *God's Promises to Preachers*.

At home (1630 Ashdown, Jackson), she said, "Sometimes I wake up at night and think, 'Lord, you have been so good to me. I know you have something I can do for you.'" And she added, "The more God does for you, the more he expects of you!"

Once when Aaron was away, she "filled the pulpit" and "preached" on the Prodigal Son. There were three professions of faith. "But I feel that mine is a teaching ministry, and not a preaching ministry," she pointed out.

She teaches a women's Sunday School class at the church at Monticello, and sings in the choir. "I begin preparing Sunday afternoon for the next Sunday, so I'll have time to pray and ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit in my teaching." She is president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Progressive Baptists' Central District Association. Already this year she has attended five congresses and conventions, state and national, and led conferences at some of them on teaching missions in the local church.

Practically everybody in her family is a Baptist preacher! Besides Aaron, there's his brother, Enoch, pastor of 15th Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, and Enoch's son, soon to be ordained, and Aaron's late preacher father, Lee Jones. Her son, Rufus, and his wife are students at American Baptist Theological College of the Bible, Nashville, and he is on the staff of the 15th Avenue Church. Two of three sons-in-law are preachers: Brenda's husband at Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Gilda's husband in Knoxville, Tenn.; but not Gwendolyn's husband in Lansing,

Mich., and so far none of the 15 grandchildren.

Mary Jane Crum was born in Biloxi, one of five children. She met Aaron Jones in Gulfport, where both their families worked in a seafood factory. At age 9 she was converted and was baptized at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

"Mrs. T. B. Brown was one of my teachers. I always admired her so much and wanted to be like her." Mrs. Brown is the wife of a Baptist minister, who is a former president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Wanting to enter Jackson State U., Mary Jane found doors closed. Later, when her husband began studying at American Baptist Theological College of the Bible in Nashville, she enrolled, too. The typing that she had learned in ninth grade at Piney Woods School came in handy as she became secretary to the seminary's dean of men. "Any skill you acquire, the Lord may use some day in ways you never dreamed!" She took a beauty course in Nashville and (later) more typing courses at Jackson State and a correspondence course from Mississippi State in money management. For fun, she learned to sew, make hats, upholster, garden—and she likes to ride her bicycle to keep fit for all her activities.

"I first realized God wanted me to do something special when I helped hold a Vacation Bible School in a rough Nashville neighborhood. The teenagers were really rowdy all week. We taught our hearts out, while no one seemed to listen. Then on the final night, eleven of those teen-agers made professions of faith in Christ. I knew then that the Lord was directing me to some ministry through religious education."

Invited to speak in vespers at the seminary, she asked her husband to write the speech. She laid it on the kitchen table and it got lost. "My husband said God was telling me to write my own!" She never asked him to write another.

When he was pastor at Pleasant Valley Church, Laurel, she began to do substitute teaching in elementary schools. During his pastorate at St. John Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio, she taught in a day care center. Then when they moved back to Mississippi in 1968 and he became dean of the Central Center, Mississippi Baptist Seminary, she enrolled there and resumed her pursuit of degrees in religious education—bachelor's, master's, doctor's. She also taught a course at the seminary.

In the dissertation for her doctorate she presented the religious education

program of the Pearl River Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Monticello, Miss. as "a religious education model for the local black churches of Lawrence County."

Once, while she was a teacher's aide in Jackson's Youth Court, holding classes for detained delinquents, she found opportunities to help teen-agers with emotional problems. One, she remembers in particular, who had been raped several times, had not been

able to learn to read. "I felt she needed my special love and attention, so I would hug her often and praise her and pat her hair. One day she began calling me 'Mama.'" And before Mary Jane left that post, the girl had learned to read.

Now Mary Jane—Dr. Jones, that is—says, "I have sharpened my tools. I am ready for God to use me wherever he wants me."



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New Missions	\$109,000
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Disaster Relief Ministry	35,000
Special Ministries	4,100
National Baptists	1,300
Indian	2,800
Parchman Ministry	20,000
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Brotherhood plans nine state meetings

A series of nine area Brotherhood Leadership Training Conferences are scheduled Sept. 12, 13, and 15 across Mississippi.

Each of these nine sessions will have separate workshops for six special interest groups. These will be for Brotherhood directors, for Baptist Men's leadership, Royal Ambassador leadership, volunteer missions, disas-

ter relief, and lay renewal.

The new disaster relief manual will be reviewed. This includes information as to how associations and individuals can prepare for a disaster relief ministry.

"The lay renewal session should have an interest for all churches desiring a spiritual awakening," says Paul Harrell, state Brotherhood director. The principles and process of renewal will be presented.

And churches planning a mission project in 1984 can send representatives to the volunteers on mission session where the process of locating, training for, and implementing a project will be discussed.

Leadership in the conferences will include Robert Dixon of the Texas Brotherhood; David Langford, of the North Carolina Brotherhood; Laddie Adams of the Oklahoma Brotherhood, and Rondele Martin, of the Ohio Brotherhood.

Each program will be from 7-9 p.m. Sessions on Sept. 12 will be at First Church, New Albany; First Church, Senatobia; and Immanuel Church, Greenwood.

Sept. 13 sessions will be at First Church, West Point; First Church, Pearl; and Highland Church, Meridian. Then, the Sept. 15 sessions will be at First Church, Brookhaven; Temple Church, Hattiesburg; and First Church, Ocean Springs.

Piland will again head Sunday School

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)—Trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board Aug. 16 elected Harry Piland to return to the board as director of the Sunday school department and Gwenn E. McCormick to become secretary of the church architecture department.

Piland, 55, associate pastor for administration and education at First Baptist Church, Houston, was head of the Sunday school department for five years prior to his resignation in February of this year. McCormick has been director of church building planning for the North Carolina Baptist Convention, Raleigh, since 1977.

Both will assume their positions by Oct. 1.

State disaster unit sets up in Alicia's wake

The Mississippi Baptist Convention's Disaster Relief Unit traveled overnight Friday to Baytown, Tex., setting up in the parking lot of Wooster Baptist Church.

The unit responded to the invitation of Texas Baptist Men to help in feeding of thousands of area residents without electricity following Hurricane Alicia.

Initial reports from Jim Didlake, on site coordinator of the unit, were that several hundred persons were fed during meals over the weekend and that the servings per meal count was to go into the thousands as the Baptist group and Red Cross officials organized food

distribution.

Other Baptist disaster units in the area included those from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

The Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry is directed by the Brotherhood Department and funded through the State Mission Offering and the Cooperative Program.

Sammy Platt of Columbus is flying three men in and out each day keeping the task force fresh as possible.

At press time the indication was that the Mississippi disaster unit probably would return to Mississippi on Saturday of this week.

Record missions giving funds many needs in state

By Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

In 1982 Mississippi Baptists underwrote the largest Margaret Lackey Offering on record—\$406,647. God must have known extreme needs would arise during 1983 because I am confident he led Mississippi Baptists to new heights in State Mission giving for a purpose. Look at what your Convention Board has been able to do during 1983 because Mississippi Baptists were faithful.

Central Hills Baptist Retreat has received \$80,000 for operational expense. A total of 282 decisions have been registered by the 1,262 boys who attended RA camps during the summer.

With the \$60,000 operational expense which Camp Garaywa has received 2,073 girls were provided exceptional camping experiences. The impact of their experiences has led 154 girls to register a decision.

One hundred and five thousand dollars has been used to purchase strategic church sites in three associations (three in the Gulf Coast Association, one in the Northwest Association, and one in the Tishomingo Association). The board has purchased the twelfth mobile chapel, moved and repaired several of the older chapels at a cost of \$36,444.63. Thirty-three churches have been created by state missions money since the program of church expansion through state missions expenditures was inaugurated.

Through August of 1982 those churches that were in existence at that time had already given \$1,070,730 to mission causes and had baptized 1,955 people. The records for 1983 are not yet available.

The board has spent \$23,000 in assisting 11 pastors with pastoral aid and three churches with church building aid.

WMU has expended \$2,379.89 in providing ministry to Indians and National Baptists.

Sunflower Baptist Association has been given \$20,000 to assist in the ministry of the new Parchman Equipping Center.

Disasters which struck several Mississippi communities have given Mississippi Baptists the opportunity to show instant love and care for the unfortunate disaster victims. Thus far, \$59,936.95 has been spent.

The 1983 goal of \$430,000 is desperately needed. Your convention board is accountable to Mississippi Baptists, and I believe Mississippi Baptists are committed.

Clyde Fant resigns Ruschlikon presidency

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (BP)—Clyde Fant Jr. resigned Aug. 16 as president of Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. He said his decision was based on family and personal reasons.

Fant's resignation came less than a year after his inauguration as the sixth president of the seminary, a ministry of European and Southern Baptists which had students from 22 countries last year.

The Foreign Mission Board is ex-

pected to act on the missionary resignations of Fant and his wife, Jean, at its next board meeting, Sept. 13.

Isam Ballenger, director for Europe and the Middle East, said Fant's future plans are uncertain. The couple planned to return to the United States within a week of his resignation and reside at least temporarily in Dallas.

The seminary executive board, comprised of European and Foreign Mission Board representatives, hopes to name an interim administrator within a few days.

The Fants were named missionary associates Feb. 9, 1982, after he was elected to the Ruschlikon post in December 1981. He was formally inaugurated seminary president Sept. 8.

Prior to that, Fant was pastor of First Church, Richardson, Tex. From 1966 to 1975, he taught preaching at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Brister named metro-missions director of year

RIDGECREST, N.C.—J. W. Brister, director of missions for Hinds Madison Baptist Association in Jackson, Miss.,



Brister

was named the Outstanding Metropolitan Director of Missions for the Year during the annual Home Missions Conference here.

Jere Allen, acting director of the Home Mission Board's Metropolitan Missions Department, praised Brister's efforts to "help local churches reach their highest achievements." He described Brister as "single-minded, intentional, goal-centered, and involved" in the life of Jackson churches.

Brister's concentration on education in the association's churches has resulted in "phenomenal growth of Sunday Schools, churches, and finances," Allen reported.

A native of Isola, Miss., Brister is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a former director of missions for Austin (Texas) Baptist Association and the Gulf Coast (Miss.) Baptist Association.

Brister is the former pastor of five Mississippi churches: First Baptist Church, Long Beach (1958-66); Gulfport Heights Baptist Church, Gulfport (1957-58); Sardis Baptist Church, Hazlehurst (1952-56); Good Hope Baptist Church, Canton (1950-52); and Galilee Baptist Church, Hazlehurst (1949-50). He was pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Hammond, La., from 1956 to 1957.

Brister and his wife, the former Virgie Lois Hutchins, have two children.

2,062 girls experience camping at Garaywa

The summer camping program for Girls in Action and Acteens ended on Aug. 5. A total of 2,062 girls were involved in this summer's program with the theme being "Garaywa is Love."

HMB sets up partnership in Indiana

ATLANTA (BP)—A Home Mission Board-supported pilot project for a "partnership church" will be launched in Warren Township in Indianapolis, Ind., this summer.

The five-year plan will couple one of the strongest churches in the city, Northside Baptist Church, with fledgling Eastgate Community Baptist Chapel, in an effort to develop a strong evangelistic church in a primarily unchurched area.

During the next five years the Northside Baptist Church will support the chapel until it reaches a yet undetermined membership in Sunday school and worship service; will recruit Mission Service Corps volunteers; recruit a pastor and guarantee his salary for three years; purchase property and help provide resources for constructing the first building.

The campers began each day with a special period called "Time Alone with God." During the morning, the girls had Bible study, a time for meeting and hearing missionaries, nature study, mission study, music, and games. The afternoons were more flexible when the campers could choose to do recreation, crafts, swim, go to the library, and shop at the trading post.

Monday night each week was "Fun Night" as the campers and staffers entertained with their talent and skits. The other evenings were times of worship in the auditorium or around the campfire, and hearing a missionary speaker.

Special emphasis was placed on the Mississippi Partnership with the Rio de la Plata. The GAs and Acteens learned about the partnership relationship and what they could do to help.

At the end of each week an offering was given which will be divided and sent to a mission need in Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay. Throughout the summer the campers gave a total of \$3,000.

A number of decisions to accept Christ as Saviour and rededication of lives were made during the summer, as well as some of the older girls feeling God leading them into mission work.

BSU ministry seeks to point students to church

By Lloyd Lunceford, associate, Department of Student Work
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

In just a few days, thousands of Mississippi Baptist young people will enter a new world—namely, college. Even with its fears and uncertainties, the college experience becomes the pivotal point in many lives.

More than 60 years ago, Southern Baptists decided to provide a ministry to these young people during this crucial time in their life. The ministry is Baptist Student Union or BSU.

Mississippi's Baptists have always been at the forefront of the movement to minister to college and university students. Frank Leavell, a Mississippian, was the founder of the modern day student movement known as BSU.

The purpose of BSU is to lead students to a commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and to nurture them in the Christian faith and life. In

short, BSU is a BAPTIST WORK—it is STUDENT CENTERED, CHURCH RELATED, and offers student NOTHING BUT THE BEST.

BSU unapologetically points students to the local church. The local church is our source of strength and support. BSU sets as its major goal that of making disciples who are strong, active churchmen.

Some of the programming opportunities that students will find in the 26 BSUs in Mississippi are quality Bible study and discipleship training, evangelism/witness training that equips students to boldly share their faith, missions/ministry opportunities that range from community missions opportunities to serving on a mission field overseas for a summer or semester, building friendships and sharing

the Gospel with the 1,500 foreign students who are studying in Mississippi, and fellowship opportunities that deepen the college experience.

The local churches in our college communities are actively seeking to involve students in their program of education and worship. Baptist Student Union is actively confronting students with the opportunities available that will develop leaders in our churches. BSU in Mississippi works with the local churches to strengthen their ministries to students whether the student be at a college church or in his/her home church.

BSU recognizes its role and is committed to the role of reaching students, developing believers, and strengthening the ministry of Mississippi Baptist churches.

BSU effort involves 29 persons in campus work across state

Since its beginning with the leadership of Frank Leavell in 1922, Baptist Student Union has been unique among ministries to college students in the United States. The unique feature has been and continues to be that BSU is church related. This feature distinguishes BSU from any of the other ministries working on the college and university campuses today.

For more than 60 years BSU has worked with churches in the college and university setting to provide opportunities of growth and involvement for students away from home.

Mississippi has been a leader among the state conventions of the Southern Baptist Convention in its ministry to college students. Mississippi Baptists have proven their commitment to its college and university students through generous support of the Baptist student programs on 26 campuses throughout the state.

There are presently 29 persons working as directors, associate directors, or assistants in these BSU programs. Mississippi Baptists can be proud of a group of men and women who believe in, are committed to, and are actively involved in the ministry of a local church.

A listing of the Baptist Student Unions, the BSU directors, and associates, and the address and phone number follows:

Baptist Medical Center: Kathy Bearden, director, 1225 N. State Street, Baptist Medical Center, Jackson, 39205, phone: 968-5144.

Blue Mountain College: Susan Puckett, director, P. O. Box 248, BMC, Blue Mountain, 38610, phone: 685-4771.

Clarke College: J. B. Costilow, director, 508 Scanlan, Newton, 39345, phone: 683-2061.

Co-Lin Junior College: Roy Smith,

director, P. O. Box 85, Wesson, 39191, phone: 643-2630.

Delta State University: James A. Breland, director, 200 Sostes Drive, Cleveland, 38732, phone: 843-2507.

East Central Junior College: Gladys Bryant, director, Box 33, ECJC, Decatur, 39327, phone: 635-2481.

East Mississippi Junior College: Wayne Hatcher, director, P. O. Box 98, Scooba, 39358, phone: 476-8373.

Gulf Coast Junior College: Tim Thomas, director, Perkinson Campus, 134 Reservation Dr., Rt. 10, Gulfport, 39503, phone: 832-9002. Charles Boudreaux, director, Jackson County Campus, 7210 Tucker Rd., Ocean Springs, 39564. Larry Bein, director, Jefferson Davis Campus, 11 52nd Street, Gulfport, 39501.

Hinds Junior College: Betty Jane Frew, director, P. O. Box 390, Raymond 39154, phone: 857-5312.

Holmes Junior College: Gene Richardson, interim director, P. O. Box 234, Goodman, 39079.

Itawamba Junior College: Gregg Thomas, director, BSU IJC, Fulton, 38843, phone: 862-3278.

Jones County Junior College: John Sumner, director, P. O. Box 131, Ellisville, 39437, phone: 477-3973.

Meridian Junior College: Charlotte Herrington, director, P. O. Box 244, Meridian, 39301, phone: 483-1419.

Mississippi College: BSU director, P. O. Box 4252, MC, Clinton, 39058, phone: 924-5131.

Mississippi Delta Junior College: Tom McLaughlin, director, P. O. Box A, Moorehead, 38761, phone: 246-5442.

Mississippi State University: Ken Watkins, director, June Scoggins, associate, Drawer BU, Mississippi State, 39762, phone: 323-5761.

Mississippi University For Women: Nancy Aulds, director, 1321 College

St., Columbus, 39701, phone: 328-3295.

Northeast Junior College: Joe Cobb, director, P. O. Box 443, Booneville, 38829, phone: 728-5409.

Northwest Junior College: Rick Alford, director, Box NN, NWJC, Senatobia, 38668, phone: 562-6168.

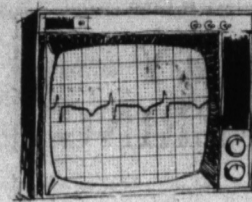
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Southwest Junior College: Ed Abel, director, P. O. Box J, Summit, 39666, phone: 684-0536.

University of Mississippi: Keith Catling, director, Nancy Clement, assistant, P. O. Box 292, University, 38677, phone: 234-9366.

University of Southern Mississippi: Wil McCall, director, Bonnie Hearon, associate, P. O. Box 8332, S.S., Hattiesburg, 39401, phone: 264-5161.

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A family of gossips

How can I break my wife and other family members from gossiping? They live to find out something on someone. My wife had abandoned two small children by her first marriage. Our children and neighbors are unaware of her past, which is very ugly. I moved her thousands of miles to start over. The life she lived is worse than the gossip she hears. I've always heard loose tongues have the most to hide.

Concerned Husband and Father

Dear Concerned Husband and Father: Yes, gossips usually say more about themselves than they do about those they talk about. Gossips are sometimes vicious people, but usually they are persons of very low self-esteem and often has some unresolved guilt. They enjoy talking about frailties of other people to either hide their own or pull themselves up in their own estimation by running down someone else. When children hear this, they often pick up gossiping ways,

especially from their parents.

One can remind the gossip, "There go I but for the grace of God." One can talk much about forgiveness, grace, and bearing another's burdens. When the gossip seems to be revealing in the sordidness of a story, the listener may respond. "My, isn't that sad?" or "I wonder if that is really true," or, if one knows the person, he might be able to say, "You know, that just sounds out of character for him/her. I prefer not to believe that."

I wonder what would happen if one countered the gossip by saying, "I'm so sorry to hear that. Let's pause right now and pray for them and also pray that we will not be guilty of hurting them more by spreading this sad story and that our own attitude toward them will be that of Christian forgiveness."

Gossip is murder of reputation. Study James, chapter three, I Peter 3:1-12, and Matthew 7:1-5. Pray for your loved ones as well as your own attitude toward them.



The Crusaders were winners in all of their sports this year. Carey Baseball has had a winning team for 26 years.

All Carey sports show winning year

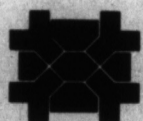
A highlight of this year at Carey has been the great winning record of the men's basketball team. Coach Steve Knight, who guided the Crusaders to a District 30 (NAIA) Championship and a trip to Kansas City for the National tournament, was named the district's "Coach of the Year." He then received the same honor from the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. This was Knight's first year as a college coach.

Carey's baseball team continued its consistent winning record and progressed to the finals in the district playoffs. Women's basketball also had a winning year to round out the great record in sports for the Carey Crusaders.

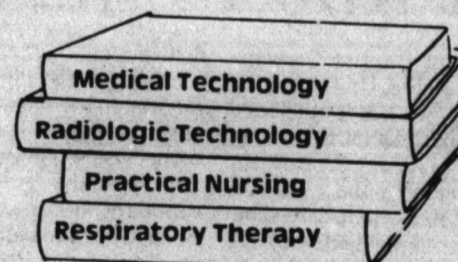
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Mississippi Baptist Activities

- Aug. 21-27 Church Music Growth Week (CM Emphasis)
- Aug. 22 Evangelism/Growth Conference; FBC, Batesville; 7-9 p.m. (SS & EVAN)
- Aug. 22-23 WMU Camp; North Oxford BC, Oxford; 7-9 p.m., 22nd and 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 23rd (WMU)
- Aug. 23 Evangelism/Growth Conference; FBC, Tupelo; 7-9 p.m. (SS & EVAN)
- Aug. 27 Associational Officers Training; FBC, Columbia/FBC, Carthage/FBC, Oxford; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (PD)

Baptist Medical Center provides education opportunity for students

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center provides educational opportunities in a Christian environment for students in the medical field. The 600-bed hospital is associated with four health-related schools: Medical Technology, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Therapy and Practical Nursing.

Student nurses from colleges and universities throughout the state do their clinical training at MBMC, and residents from the University School of Medicine rotate through some of MBMC's programs. The clinical training at MBMC helps prepare individuals for their highly skilled professions.

"These programs enable students to receive excellent clinical experience and valuable knowledge that is available only through a modern facility with fine educators, leading physicians and expert allied health clinicians," said Paul Pryor, MBMC executive director. "When our students leave us, they are able to find good jobs and are rewarded by the tremendous sense of service that comes from helping others."

The field of Medical Technology is the branch of medicine that is responsible for the performance of laboratory determinations and analyses that the physician uses to aid in diagnosis and treatment of disease and the maintenance of health. Applicants to MBMC's Schools of Medical Technology may already have a baccalaureate degree or may be planning to obtain one as a result of successfully completing the year of clinical education in the hospital. The school main-

tains affiliations with Mississippi College and Mississippi State University which allow the proper transfer of credits for those who wish to substitute their year in Medical Technology school for their senior year in college. The national registry exam is written shortly after graduation.

The radiologic technologist is specifically trained to assist a radiologist in radiological (commonly known as x-ray) procedures. He or she is invaluable in the technological aspects which aid in the diagnosis and treatment of the patients. The applicant must have a strong math background and have scored 15 or above on the ACT. He or she must be at least 18 years old and have a high school education or the equivalent. After passing the registry exam at graduation the new graduate receives the title RT (ARRT). This means he or she is a radiologic technologist with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

Respiratory Therapy is an allied health specialty which is concerned with the treatment, management, control, and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with respiration. Entrance into the school, which is affiliated with Hinds Junior College, requires a high school education or the equivalent. The applicant must have an ACT score of at least 15 and must have scored at least 15 on the math section of the ACT. He or she must also achieve a select test score for respiratory therapists on the general aptitude test battery administered by the state employment

service.

Nurses are an essential part of the health team, too. The Practical Nursing program, located at MBMC, is affiliated also with Hinds Junior College. This is a one-year program for interested people with ages ranging from 19 to 55 with a high school education or the equivalent. To be eligible for admission, one must have acceptable scores on a nursing aptitude test administered by the state employment service. Program graduates write an examination administered by the State Board of Nurse Examiners. Other nursing students seeking a two-year (associate degree) at Hinds Junior College also do part of their clinical training at MBMC.

To acquaint the public with these schools MBMC hosts at least two Health Career Days a year for ages ranging from juniors in high school to adults who wish to pursue careers for the first time or to change their careers.

Since the phasing out of the Gilfoy School of Nursing in 1971, MBMC has offered affiliations to nursing students from several colleges and universities who are seeking to secure their clinical instruction. Students from Mississippi College, along with their clinical instructors, are assigned to MBMC during various rotations throughout the year, as are students from the University Medical Center and other schools of nursing in the state.

In another ongoing program of long standing, MBMC has the opportunity to participate in medical education

through affiliations in specialty areas at the University Schools of Medicine. MBMC presently has physician residents affiliating in medicine, surgery, and orthopedics.

In addition to the education programs and up-to-date clinical experience, MBMC emphasizes spiritual enrichment. An active Baptist Student Union group led by Kathy Bearden, MBMC's director of student activities, offers Christian fellowship, fun, and growth activities for the students.

"We enjoy participating in the student's activities," said Lu Harding, MBMC assistant administrator, "because it gives us a chance to get acquainted with the students. We believe they are an extremely important part of our hospital. Their ideas, incentive, and inquisitive minds challenge us to provide them with the best resources possible."

"Strong administrative support, dedicated instructors, excellent clinical experience, and good Christian fellowship combine to build a firm foundation for the student about to embark on his or her medical career," said Miss Bearden. "MBMC provides a great deal of educational opportunities for those who are interested in the medical field."

For more information concerning MBMC's health related schools, interested persons should contact Kathy Bearden at 968-5144, or write her in care of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, 1225 North State Street, Jackson, Miss. 39202.

Pastor retreat to include wives Oct. 3-4

Wives of pastors are especially invited this year to the annual Pastors' Retreat at Camp Garaywa, Oct. 3-4.

Highlights of the retreat include a series of talks by James Sullivan called "The People Called Baptists." Sullivan, a native Mississippian, is retired president of the Sunday School Board.

Also, Leonard Sanderson, Louisiana Baptists' evangelism director, will discuss "The Bible and Evangelism."

J. M. Wood and Nan Grantham, of the music staff at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, will be music leaders for the retreat.

Skill development conferences will include a topic for the women called "The Role of the Minister's Wife," to be led by Sara Perkins, wife of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Church-Minister Relations and Annuity Department. Clifton Perkins will lead sessions on "Coping With Stress."

Other skill development sessions include "Developing Believers," led by Glen Williams; "Staff Relations," by J. M. Wood; and "Reaching through Effective Stewardship," by Julius Thompson. Williams is director of missions for Pike Association. And Thompson is consultant in the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion Department.

There will be a fee of \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple, for food, lodging, and insurance.

OUR QUALITY IS RECOGNIZED

When William Carey College students win Miss Mississippi two years in a row, people notice. What they notice is the talent, Christian spirit and quality of William Carey College students. The honors bestowed on our students, graduates and faculty reflect our tradition of quality.

- 1982 Miss Mississippi — Dianne Evans
- 1983 Miss Mississippi — Wanda Geddie
- 1982-83 Fulbright Fellowship — David Davis
- 1983-84 International Rotary Fellowship — Randy Rawls
- 1983 Mississippi Teacher of the Year — Martha Morrow
- 1983 International Piano Competition Participant in Brussels — Nancy Lynn Rice, Music Faculty
- 1983 Basketball "Coach of the Year" NAIA District 30 and Gulf Coast Conference — Steve Knight



TWO IN A ROW! 1982 Miss Mississippi, Dianne Evans, Carey graduate, crowns 1983 Miss Mississippi, Wanda Geddie, Carey graduate.

Carey doors will open on Aug. 28

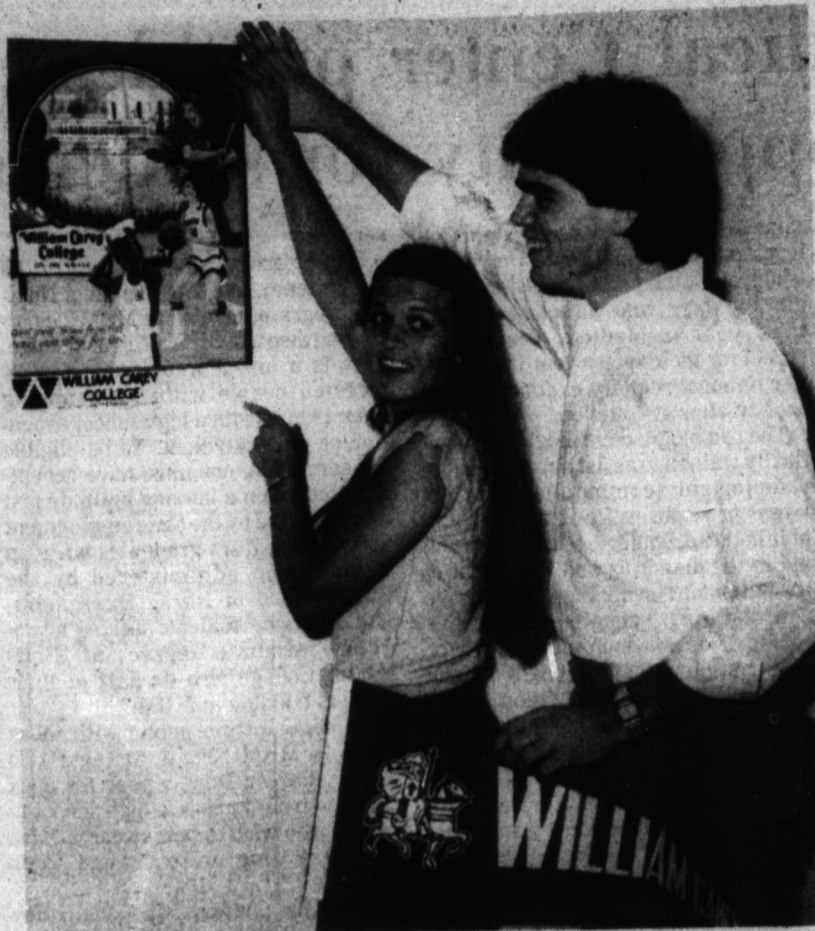
School will open for the Fall Semester on Aug. 28. Carey Country Week will be held to welcome students, beginning with a reception Sunday afternoon for students, parents, faculty, and administration.

On Monday, auditions will be held by the School of Music for membership in the Chorale and Madrigal Singers. Registration on the Hattiesburg campus, Aug. 30, will conclude with a Country Hoe-Down party in the evening which will welcome the New Country Bumpkins (the freshmen). The Coast Campus will register Sept. 1 and the Carey School of Nursing in New Orleans will register on August 29 and 30.

The crowning of Miss William Carey College as Miss Mississippi topped off a successful year at Carey which included a Two Million Dollar Development Campaign. The campaign, authorized by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was launched in January and by May 14 over \$2 million had been pledged.

A phonathon was held to contact alumni who pledged over \$100,000 to their Alma Mater. Carey will use these funds to strengthen the total financial operation of the college and enrich the total academic program.

According to Carey President, J. Ralph Noonkester, the major goals and objectives for campaign funds will be an expansion of present library space and the development of a system-wide comprehensive program of media services; increased endowment to undergird college programs and provide student aid; improve student services, especially in the areas of personal, social, and spiritual counseling, career information, financial counseling and library services; a re-examination of the academic curriculum in order to determine relevancy and general adequacy in light of the college mission; and the renovation of physical facilities and a systematic program of plant maintenance.



Can we put a poster here? Decorating the new Wilkes Student Center has just begun and Carey students are helping get the center ready.

New student center nears completion

William Carey College's new campus student union is nearing completion and will be ready by the opening of the fall semester. Maintenance crews have been working since June to convert half of the cafeteria building into a student union.

Jet. Murphy, president of the Student Government Association, said the new student union has been needed for a long time. "We've had a small student union, but one of the major problems with it is a lack of space, and no centralization of activities," he said.

McMillan Hall will expand for new uses

After moving the student union to its new location, McMillan Hall will be able to expand its facilities for religious activities. Plans are that McMillan Hall will use its new space for large group worship services, Bible studies, a prayer room, lounge and fellowship areas, offices, workrooms, and a kitchen.

Plans for this year include a 26-week study of MasterLife Discipleship materials, designed for building disciplines for Christian living in individual lives.

Tom Hearon, director of religious activities, says that students are encouraged to work with local churches. Students are placed in youth and music positions in churches.

The Baptist Student Union has puppet and clown groups as well as revival teams to minister in churches. Churches can help by providing resources for ministry and activities in developing the new religious center.

Religious activities on campus include chapel each week and noonday services two days a week which can now be held at McMillan Hall. A student-led revival is held each year, sponsored by the Ministerial Association.

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Coast campus art, music attract students, others

At William Carey College on the Coast, new programs in art and music have attracted the interest of students and townspeople during the summer months.

Joining Charles Ambrose in the department of art is Sheila Cohen Springer, an internationally recognized artist in Intaglio and other forms of printmaking.

Of particular success has been the formation of a Gulf Coast Community Chorus consisting of students and townspeople who present major choral masterworks in churches and civic auditoriums. In February the group sang Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," directed by Dean emeritus Donald Winters. In the spring the chorus sang in the Gulf Coast Opera Theater's production of "Finian's Rainbow" which featured Carey Col-

lege's Miss Mississippi, Wanda Geddie, in a leading role.

The summer months were devoted to the first annual Summer "Pops" concert which received outstanding reviews. Hilda Barnes of the coast faculty and James Downey, administrative dean are the co-directors.

The Master of Business Administration program on the coast is into its second year. The first graduates will receive their MBA at the Spring, 1984, commencement.

The coast campus has expanded its program in computer training to include courses needed by teachers for a state certification for computer instruction. Summer programs have included 10 weeks for elementary students who are enrolled in a special "Kids and Computers" day camp.

Art lovers await the opening this semester of William Carey's new art gallery in Crawford Hall, at the heart of the campus. A curator has been secured for "The Mississippi Collection," a generous gift by Miss Sarah Gillespie of Hattiesburg containing more than 150 works. The gift itself has been described by one well-known critic as "the richest collection of paintings by Mississippi artists in one location."

According to Don Sones, director of financial aid, grants, work study, and loans are available for qualified students. Presidential scholarships have been awarded to several Mississippi students who will be majoring in medical technology. The School of Music awards scholarships to those majoring in church music and other music areas. There are scholarships available in Biblical Studies and the Honors Program and in several other majors. Students should contact Sones immediately.

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S.G.A. has new plans mapped out

The 1982-83 scholastic year proved to be one of the most successful years yet for the William Carey College Student Government Association, Hattiesburg campus.

Among its greatest achievements last year was the founding of the Association of Southern Baptist Student Governments. This idea was conceived by the 1982-83 S.G.A. president of Carey, Danny Edney. The Association held its first convention at Carey's Hattiesburg campus in February.

The student governments attending the convention were Louisiana College; Mississippi College; Mobile College; and William Carey College (Hattiesburg, Coast and New Orleans campuses). Mississippi College will host the 1984 Southern Baptist Student Government Convention in April of next year.

It is the goal of the Association to expand its membership to all Southern Baptist colleges in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee by the time of the 1984 convention. It is hoped that through this association, that lines of communication between the various student governments will be opened and that through a regular exchange of ideas, the S.G.A. at each Southern Baptist college will be better able to serve the students that it represents.

At the Hattiesburg campus, the S.G.A. has been working through the summer to map out plans for the 1983-84 academic year. The opening of Wilkes Student Center on Aug. 26 will place a great deal of responsibility on the S.G.A. It will be responsible for providing all recreational facilities and events in the Student Center.

Providing entertainment and recreational facilities for students is only one of the functions of S.G.A. It is the official voice of the students to the school administration. Students are able to express their opinion through their S.G.A. representatives.

This year's president Jeff Murphy is a pre-law major from Perkinston. The vice president is Renee Green, a church vocations major from Marianna, Fla., and Danny Barber, a pre-med major from Ocean Springs is the new chief justice. These three students will also be members of the college's administrative council for the 1983-84 school year.



Carey on the Coast is a 20-acre beach front campus located on the Gulf Coast. It serves commuting students in day and night classes.

MC opens doors for 158th session this week

When Mississippi College swings open its doors to incoming freshmen on Saturday, Aug. 27, it will mark the beginning of the 158th academic session at the nation's second oldest Baptist supported college.

Enthusiasm still prevails with each new beginning, however, and with added emphasis on recruitment and the establishment of new programs to meet the needs of today's society, optimism is rampant throughout the administration, faculty, and student body.

As Lewis Nobles, college president, stated in his year-end letter to donors, "We continue to survey the public and seek new ways to serve. We need your help in encouraging men and women—young or older—to think about Mississippi College as a student or as an investor. Please continue to pray for us, talk about us and to us, and continue your support for us. With the leadership of the Lord and your continued interest and support, great things can be accomplished!"

Great things are already being accomplished in many areas, particularly in the realm of academics where Mississippi College has developed a reputation that is attracting national attention.

Over the past five years 80 percent of the college's pre-medical students have been accepted into medical or dental schools throughout the country, a percentage far above the national average of less than 50 percent. In fact, of all 1983 graduates, 52 percent of them have indicated they will continue in some form of graduate study in their chosen speciality area or profession.

Seventy-five percent of the School of Nursing graduates indicated they anticipated graduate study, while over the past five years an average of more than 80 percent of the School of Law graduates have been admitted to the bar. The past ten years have seen over 70 percent of the music graduates entering graduate school.

This past year found a Mississippi College student winning an ITT Funded International Fellowship to study chemistry in Paris next year, one of only 25 students from throughout the nation so honored. Another student was named as "Student Nurse of the Year" in Mississippi, while still another was elected as president pro tem of the senate at Mississippi Youth Congress festivities. The Debate Team finished fourth in national competition, four players from the 1982 football team were drafted into the professional ranks, and on and on one could go bragging about what has happened to Mississippi College and its students.

Future is bright

It is the future that stirs up optimism, however, and the future is indeed bright.

Buddy Wagner, dean of admissions, and his staff of recruiters have been talking Mississippi College from one end of the state to the other and their efforts are paying off in new, transfer, and readmitted students.

"Student recruitment is becoming a highly competitive operation," says Wagner, "but we are excited over the number of applications we have received thus far this year and once registration is completed we could show a definite increase over the corresponding time last year."

The Admissions Office report for the period ending July 30 showed that there were 562 undergraduate applications received, just a tad below last year, but the admissions personnel anticipate fewer cancellations or "no shows" than last year. Of the 562 individuals who have made application for the fall semester, 323 are freshmen students, 205 are transfers from other institutions, 32 are seeking readmission, and two have applied for non-degree programs.

"We continue to receive a steady stream of applications in the mail each day," reports Wagner, "and we are impressed with the quality of students being admitted and the seriousness in which they are making their college selection." As of July 30, 354 students have been officially admitted, up from the 322 at the same time last year.

"Academically this could be one of the top freshman classes we have ever welcomed, showing an average ACT score of 21," states Wagner. The 21 ACT average places the college well above the national average and considerably above the average for Mississippi institutions.

According to Dean Alton Harvey, applications for the School of Law, located in downtown Jackson, are running considerably ahead of last year. This, coupled with an increase in course offerings and an expanded off-campus and career challenge program, could mean that overall enrollment for the upcoming 12-month session could very well exceed this past year's figure. During the 1982-83 session there were more than 4,800 individual students enrolled at the college and approximately 557 names were added to the alumni rolls.

In addition to new and expanded programs on the Clinton and Jackson campuses, additional courses will also be offered at Clarke College, a division of Mississippi College located in Newton. Clarke, traditionally a junior college of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was merged with Mississippi College two years ago and third year courses in several fields and many special programs were added to the curriculum there.

The teacher education program has also been extended to the Clarke cam-

pus according to Charles Martin, vice-president for academic affairs. Patsy Kirby will be starting her second year as coordinator of the program on the Newton campus.

In denominational activity, some 60 student teams from Mississippi College ministered in Mississippi churches throughout the past school year and 18 students were selected to serve as summer missionaries at various locations around the world. The Baptist Student Union continued its many mission activities, while faculty and staff members held positions of leadership in churches throughout the state.

Orientation

When orientation gets underway on Saturday, Aug. 27, it will mark the beginning of the 133rd year of the college as an institution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The orientation registration will begin at 1 p.m. in Provine Chapel with Tom Washburn, associate dean of student affairs and director of student activities, in charge.

As the students begin their orientation procedure, their parents will be honored at a reception starting at 2:30 p.m. in the Reserve Lounge of the B.C. Rogers Student Center. The parents will then be guests of the college as they dine with the new collegians in the college cafeteria starting at 5 p.m.

Following the meal the students will attend an evening session entitled "Life On A College Campus," a session designed to acquaint them with what they can expect as a collegian. There will also be an introduction of student leaders, an orientation overview, and a movie on the patio of the Student Center.

Sunday will be devoted to church services at the various churches located throughout the greater Clinton-Jackson area. The students will be urged to attend the church of their choice.

Lewis and Mrs. Nobles, president and first lady of the college, will welcome the newcomers with an "Open House" from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday at Hendricks House, their home. Special services and a fellowship are planned for the First Baptist Church of Clinton on Sunday night.

Freshmen and transfers will continue orientation on Monday at 9 a.m. in Nelson Auditorium, followed by academic advising and class scheduling for all new students. Academic advising will continue throughout the afternoon, concluding with a social on the patio of the Student Center at which time the Baptist Student Union leadership will be introduced.

Registration

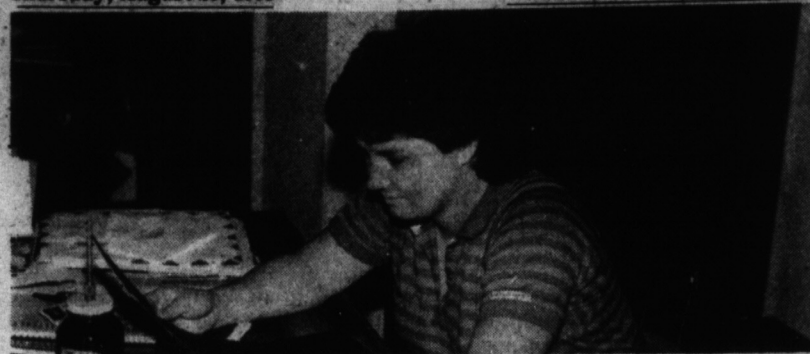
Tuesday will find the freshmen meeting for a general session at 8 a.m. in Nelson Auditorium, while at 9 a.m. transfer students will begin the registration procedure in the Student Center. At 1 p.m. the freshmen will begin the actual registration process, reporting in time segments alphabetically according to the first letter of their last name. The schedule will be: A-G, from 1-2 p.m.; H-P, from 2-3 p.m.; and Q-Z, 3-4 p.m. All registration is in the Student Center.

A party for transfer students, sponsored by the BSU, will close out the Tuesday agenda at 7 p.m. on the Student Center patio.

Upperclassmen will begin registering on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 9 a.m. according to the following schedule: SENIORS—A-L, 9-10 a.m.; M-Z, 10-11

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Rhonda Stamps, a missionary kid, uses student work in the Public Relations Office and other financial assistance to help pay her way to Mississippi College. She is the daughter of Stanley and Glenna Stamps, missionaries to Honduras.

a.m.; JUNIORS — A-L, 1-1:45 p.m.; M-Z, 1:45-2:30 p.m.; SOPHOMORES—A-L, 2:30-3 p.m., M-Z, 3-3:30 p.m.

Graduate and undergraduate students attending Evening School only will register in the Student Center on Monday, Aug. 29, from 5-7 p.m. Necessary forms may be picked up in the foyer of Nelson Hall prior to reporting for registration. Evening School registration is also scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 1, and Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 5-6 p.m. each night.

Fall registration for the School of Law located in downtown Jackson is set for Thursday, Aug. 25, with students reporting from 1:30-4:30 p.m. for advisement from faculty members. Registration is scheduled from 4:30-6:30 p.m. with classes to begin on Monday, Aug. 29.

All graduate and undergraduate classes will begin on the regular schedule on Thursday, Sept. 1. Classes will not meet on Monday, Sept. 5, because of the Labor Day holiday.

Numerous Activities

All new students will have the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with each other and with the college family in general during a variety of activities planned throughout the first few weeks of school. Students, faculty, and administration will all be involved.

The complete orientation schedule follows:

Saturday, August 27

1:00 p.m.
Registration — Provine Chapel
1:30 p.m.
Parents and Students Session — Provine Chapel
2:30 p.m.
Parents Reception — Student Center
2:30 p.m.
Academic Advising — Hall of Fame — McCarty
4:30 p.m.
Freshmen Meeting — Hall of Fame
5:00 p.m.
Dinner with your parents
6:00 p.m.
Life on a college campus — Hall of Fame
6:45 p.m.
Meet your SBA
7:00 p.m.
Orientation Overview
7:15 p.m.
Meet your group leaders
8:00 p.m.
Movie

Sunday, August 28

11:00 a.m.
Church
12:00 Noon
Lunch
2:30-4:30 p.m.
Open House at Nobles' — Go by Post Office for box assignment. — Go with group leaders
7:00 p.m.
Church & Fellowship — First Baptist, Clinton — Meet on patio.

Monday, August 29

7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast
9:00 a.m.
ALL NEW STUDENTS Freshmen & Transfers meeting — Nelson Auditorium

9:30 a.m.
TRANSFERS — Meet your leaders — Advisement
1:30-4:00 p.m.
FRESHMAN & TRANSFERS: Meet in Nelson Auditorium for advising & Scheduling
4:30-6:30 p.m.
Dinner
7:00 p.m.
Meet the B.S.U. — Patio
8:00 p.m.
Freshmen Group Meeting
Tuesday, August 30
8:00 a.m.
Freshmen Meeting — Nelson Auditorium
9:00 a.m.
Transfer Registration
1:00 p.m.
Freshmen Registration
7:00 p.m.
Transfer Party on Patio — B.S.U.
Wednesday, August 31
8:30 a.m.
Freshman Guidance Testing — Self Hall
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Transfer Open House — Nobles' home
10:30 a.m.
Nursing Coke Party — Cockcroft, Rm. 134
11:15 a.m.
Trip to Reservoir — Go with your group
Lunch for Freshmen only — Return 3:00.
Meet on Patio for this fun event!
5:00 p.m.
Church & Fellowship — First Baptist, Jackson
Catch the bus at West End
10:00 p.m.
Shaving Cream Fight — Valley
Thursday, September 1
Classes meet on Regular Schedule
6:00 p.m.
Northside Church Watermelon Cut
8:00 p.m.
Freshmen Talent Show — Nelson Hall
Friday, September 2
Classes meet on Regular Schedule
B.S.U. Fall Retreat Begins
Sunday, September 4
6:15 p.m.
Church & Fellowship at Morrison Heights
Monday — LABOR DAY
NO CLASSES
Tuesday, September 5
5:00 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church — Meet WESC — Meal and transportation
Wednesday, September 7
3:00 p.m.
Freshmen Cheerleader Tryouts
5:30 p.m.
Southside Baptist Church — Meal & transportation provided
Thursday, September 8
9:00 p.m.
General Rush Meeting Social Clubs — Hall of Fame
Friday, September 9
10:00 a.m.
Pep Rally — Quad
6:00 p.m.
Freshman Dinner
Saturday, September 10
Clash of the Classes



When Mississippi College students converge on the B.C. Rogers Student Center for the start of the 158th academic session, they will find, among other improvements, hanging baskets of greenery in the hallway. Mrs. Helen Wilkinson, Student Center hostess, and Tom Washburn, associate dean of students for men, inspect one of the baskets.

Blue Mountain opens 111th year

The 111th session at Blue Mountain College begins with orientation for new and transfer students on Aug. 29, registration will be Aug. 30, with classes beginning Aug. 31. Stability in the federal financial aid programs this year has made it possible for students to obtain needed funds earlier this year and has therefore contributed to the overall enrollment for the 1983-84 session.

The admissions office will begin this year with a new director. Darrell Marecle will assume his duties the latter part of August. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Alabama and is currently completing work toward his master's at the University of Mississippi. Before coming to Blue Mountain College, Marecle served as admissions representative at Arkansas College.

The admissions staff incorporated Blue Mountain College students in their recruitment efforts this past year which allowed prospective students to meet college representatives other than staff personnel. One particular event in which students participated in both the planning and conducting was "DISCOVERY '83," a mission happening for high school girls and church leaders.

This allowed admissions personnel also to meet Baptist high school students who might be prospect for the college. Sponsored by the campus Baptist Young Women at Blue Mountain College, conferees received informative and challenging messages concerning Baptist mission work at home and abroad. Miss M. J. Solomon, national Acteens consultant for the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the primary speaker, and Miss D. P. Smith, Acteens consultant for the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, assisted in providing instruction for

the group. BMC summer missionaries also participated in the program by forming a panel and sharing their varied experiences in mission assignments.

Performing pantomimes is the specialty of Blue Mountain College alumna Kim Harvey. Miss Harvey joined the admissions staff in June. She uses her talent in conjunction with her duties as admissions counselor by visiting high schools and church groups, but she also is able to share her testimony through this work. She was a Bible major at BMC.

In an effort to meet the needs of health care professionals in the college area, Blue Mountain College and Union University in Jackson, Tenn., have launched a new program to offer more educational opportunities for registered nurses who have not yet earned a bachelor's degree in Nursing. Registered nurses following the new guidelines may enter the professional nursing program and take many of their upper level general education requirements at Blue Mountain College. This will allow nursing students to continue their education at their own rate of speed—many may continue to work while enrolled in the BSN degree program. The last phase of the BSN can be completed at Union University in one year of full time study.

Special events for high school students are planned throughout the year such as High School Weekend and Preview Days. High school students are welcome to visit the campus at any time. Information concerning special events may be obtained through the admissions office.

The Blue Mountain College Singers and the contemporary Christian group, "Second Century," will make many appearances throughout the year in high schools, churches, special concert presentations, and campus activities. Tours are planned for both groups which will include several states and many appearances.

The Blue Mountain "Toppers" basketball team has an exciting season on schedule with the first game on campus against David Lipscomb College Nov. 5. The coaching staff and team are excited about the five new signees on athletic scholarship for the basketball team. The intramural sports program will include tennis, swimming, basketball, volleyball, softball, and many more to give all students a chance to participate in the sports program of the college.



Blue Mountain College faculty and staff members work with students individually and in groups to assist in making arrangements for college entry. (Photo by Mike Priest)

BSU plans intense involvement campaign

The Baptist Student Union at Blue Mountain College believes in intense student involvement and has launched an aggressive campaign to include students in all phases of Christian work.

Six BMC students served as summer missionaries abroad and in the U.S.: Sandy Phillips, Ghana, West Africa; Randy Stephenson, Israel; Cliffa Foster, Tahoe City, Calif.; Alan McCall, Camp Joy, Ky.; Travis Tramel, Laurel, Mont.; and Suzy Washburn, Hawaii. Two other students served as summer missionaries through the Home Mission Board: Ray Morton, Detroit, Mich.; and Winnie Walmsley, Logan, Iowa.

The Baptist Student Union has a unique ministry through the four outreach teams. The BSU Ensemble is a group of six to ten singers, director, and pianist. They perform in worship services, banquets, youth rallies, fellowships, or wherever needed, and along with their music they lead share groups and share testimonies.

The Mime Team consists of six to eight students who use mime as a means of sharing the gospel and biblical truths. They wear white and black shirts and overalls and clown make-up. They perform without communicating verbally, but often a narrator assists in interpreting the drama. Examples of the mimes are "The Publican and the Pharisee," "The Good Samaritan," and "The Crucifixion."

Programs with puppets and/or drama for worship services, fellowships, or youth activities are the specialty of the drama and puppet team. There are eight to ten students involved in this outreach program and are very much in demand by churches all over Miss. and Tenn.

A new program of outreach to begin this year will be the clowning team. A

group of students has been specially trained to use clowning to work well with children and senior citizens. They do not lead worship services, but assist or lead in all types of fellowship activities. They entertain and tell Bible stories in places such as children's homes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, churches, etc. and they will provide entertainment for children's birthday parties for a donation to the student missions program (minimum donation of \$20).

All teams are student led and donations received by the teams are put in the student mission fund. Teams may be reserved through the BSU office at Blue Mountain College.

B.S.U. will also sponsor a mission trip to Bogota, Colombia, during the Christmas holidays this year. The group will consist of ten students and the B.S.U. director. In Bogota, the team will reside with English-speaking Baptist families and will work under the direction of journeyman Pam Randle, a BMC alumna.

Responsibilities of the students will include leadership of youth lock-in, night watch service for single adults, worship services, recreation lab, and rap sessions with youth. Members of the team will visit and share testimonies in Spanish-speaking Baptist churches in Bogota.

BMC presents guest lecturers

Blue Mountain College is honored to feature three very distinguished guest lecturers during the 1983-84 session: James W. Cox of Southern Seminary, Chester Swor and his associate, Scott Werner, and a featured speaker in the Staley Distinguished Lecture Series, Dick Couey of Baylor University.

Cox will be the guest speaker on Oct. 10. He is serving as professor of Christian preaching and is active in a visiting lecture program. Cox's published works include numerous books, articles, and papers. His educational background includes extensive study both in the United States and abroad.

Chester Swor and his associate, Scott Werner, will be visiting on the Blue Mountain College campus Sept. 12-14. Sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, Swor will speak in chapel and he and Werner will make several other lecture appearances in the college area. Swor is a native Mississippian and is engaged in full time religious lecture work and counseling which takes him more than 25,000 miles a year. Werner is an outstanding speaker and appeals especially to young adults and youth. He received his master of divinity from Golden Gate Seminary in May of 1983 where he

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BMC makes transition easy

Leaving home is a big and important step for young people. They find many decisions must be made and one of the most important is the decision of where to attend college. They are sometimes confronted with a multiplicity of forms, contacts from various college officials and admissions counselors. At a time when decisions are so hard to make, many students find that the process is almost overwhelming.

Blue Mountain College recognizes that this transition and decision making time requires careful and special handling. A new student accepted for enrollment at Blue Mountain College is given very special guidance during this period. The admissions staff is careful to aid the student with follow-up on questions asked and information needed to decide on areas of study and academic requirements. The financial aid office "adopts" students early to insure that forms are properly completed on a timely basis to help the student obtain needed funds for college financing. Financial aid awards are made as early in the summer as possible to help students and parents plan for the coming year. The faculty and staff members are available at all times for personal counseling with parents and students. The dean of students office is always open to students so they may visit the campus and inquire about room assignments, roommates, and campus activities.

At Blue Mountain College, everyone is dedicated to helping make the transition a little easier. It is just another reason why Blue Mountain College is a "special place for special people."

Money seminars set for parents

The Financial Aid Department at Blue Mountain College conducted numerous seminars for students and parents in the north Mississippi area during 1982-83 and plans to expand the program for the coming year. Many students and parents are unaware of the types of federal financial aid available to them and how to apply for these programs. Through dissemination of information, brochures, pamphlets, etc. and interaction seminars, students can obtain this valuable information. Students and parents are urged to check newspapers for the seminars to be conducted in their hometown area throughout the school year.

Some stability in the federal regulations regarding financial aid for 1983-84 has allowed students to apply for financial aid earlier and to receive awards early in the summer for 1983-84. This has allowed more students and parents to make definite plans for attending college and increasing enrollment for many colleges. At Blue Mountain College, scholarship, work study programs, and assistance programs have again been stepped up to help meet the needs of students.

The Board of Trustees took an aggressive step to assist students by establishing twenty new institutional scholarships for 1983-84 session. This type of effort has enabled many students to attend Blue Mountain College and obtain a sound Christian education.

The financial aid department at Blue Mountain College is ready to assist students and parents at any time with information and assistance in obtaining funds for financing educational expenses. Students may still apply for the 1983-84 session.

Blue Mountain adds to faculty

Blue Mountain College welcomes two additions to the faculty for the 1983-84 session, Terry McRoberts, assistant professor of piano and music history, and Malcolm McEwen, head of the Science Department.

McRoberts received his Ph.D. in art from Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. in 1983. He holds a master's degree from Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio, and bachelor of science degree from Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind. He had served as a doctoral fellow at Ball State University in the music department, organist and choir director, and teacher of music and piano before assuming his duties at BMC.

Malcolm McEwen is a native of Tylertown, Miss. He received his Ed. D. from West Virginia University in curriculum and instruction-science education with a minor in biology. He earned his M.S. in science education from the University of Southern Mississippi and his B.A. from the University of Mississippi. He has recently served on the advisory committee for the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, and as a research associate for the Department of Science Education at the University of Southern Mississippi.



A pre-registration day at Blue Mountain especially for freshmen and transfer students is held each summer. This is designed to give new students and parents a relaxed time when they may make plans, work out class schedules, etc. (Photo by Mike Priest)

Clarke marks 1983 as its 75th year

1983 has been a distinctive year in the history of Clarke College, marking 75 years of operation in Newton. Throughout, the college has been a demonstration of faith as generation after generation of students find that special closeness that comes from being accepted into the college family.

This feeling of acceptance is reflected in comments from current students. "Clarke is more like a family than a school," said T. R. Darsey of Meridian. Colleen Reese of Tamaqua, Penn. stated that "Clarke is a place where you feel like you belong." "The people you meet here will be your friends for life," said Tim Key of Cordova, Ala.

Faculty, staff, and students work hard to maintain the feeling that the individual student at Clarke is the most important asset.

Orientation

As new students arrive on Aug. 27, they will discover activities planned which will orient them to the college, its mission and services.

At 1 p.m. Ron Kirkland, dean of academic affairs will welcome students to Clarke and lead them in a brief orientation session. Afterward, faculty advisors will meet with small groups of students to discuss setting academic goals and procedures for attaining them.

Following the evening meal, faculty and students will again gather for a period of fellowship. The first day will end with dorm meditation in each dormitory.

Orientation and academic advising will continue through Monday, Aug. 29, with Tuesday set aside for registration. Activities are provided to acquaint new students with the Student Body Association, the Baptist Student Union, and local churches. On Wednesday, Aug. 31, students will follow their schedule as classes meet for the first time.

New faces

As returning students enter the class rooms, they will see many familiar faces and several new faces. John Dent joins the Bible faculty in the area of biblical studies. Dent has completed course work for the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary, where he served as a graduate assistant. Dent also serves as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. His wife, Jerrie, will be teaching courses in business education at the college. Joining the faculty as librarian is Lynn Baker of Mobile, Ala. Mrs. Baker served on the library staff of the University of South Alabama. Ron Kirkland, who in June accepted the position of dean of academic affairs, will continue in that position as well as teaching one class in New Testament Greek. Kirkland came to Clarke from the Bay Springs Church where he served as pastor for three years. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Joining these will be several new staff members. Peggy Block of Newton recently began work as secretary in admissions and public relations and Mary Lynn Purvis, Union, began as secretary to the academic dean. Larry Gressett of Lake accepted the position of men's basketball coach and director of student activities at Clarke and Janie Fincher of Clinton will be guiding the Lady Panthers as women's coach for 1983-84.

New programs, services

One of the most innovative programs offered at Clarke is the Summer Bible-Preaching Institute held in Au-

gust for the second year. Attendance at the institute more than doubled the first year and participants reported a high degree of satisfaction in the program offered. Mississippi College and Clarke College Bible faculty joined workshop directors, Ray Frank Robbins and Earl Guinn, in presenting preaching and Bible study sessions.

An expanded night program also has created community interest in offerings at Clarke. Courses in Bible, business, English, and history are available on three nights creating an opportunity for night students to pursue an associate of arts degree entirely at night.

In addition to academic offerings, Clarke will offer sessions of Masterlife training through the Baptist Student Union. A number of mature students who demonstrate the commitment to disciple training will enter the 26-week program which will be led by Mike Williams of the English faculty. An introduction to the program will be the focus of the annual BSU retreat to be held Sept. 9-11 at Lake Forest Ranch, Macon.

75th anniversary

The entire year of 1983 has been focused on the 75th anniversary of Clarke. A special celebration will be held on Sept. 17, on the campus. This will be a special day of praise to God as students, alumni, former and present faculty and staff join together to give thanks for the blessings they have received at Clarke College. All friends of the college are cordially invited to attend the festivities which will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 17. Simultaneous class reunions, musical programs, small and large group meetings are planned to emphasize the role Clarke has played in Christian education since 1908.

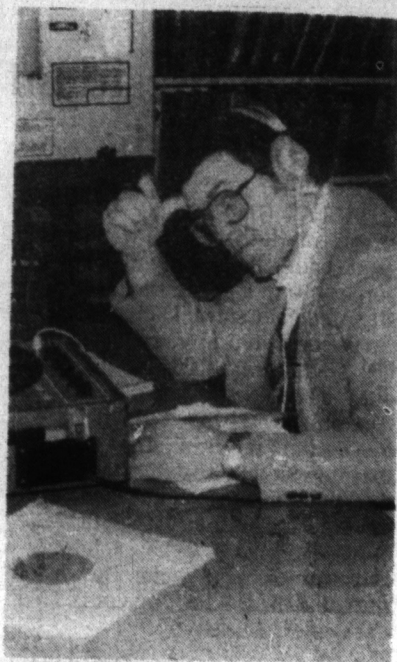
Mission emphasis

Clarke College has long been known as a place where God has reached out and touched young lives for his service. Throughout the years, hundreds of graduates and faculty have found their way to the mission field: both home and foreign. In 1983, Clarke not only sent out students in a mission effort, they also received the blessings of two very special mission efforts.

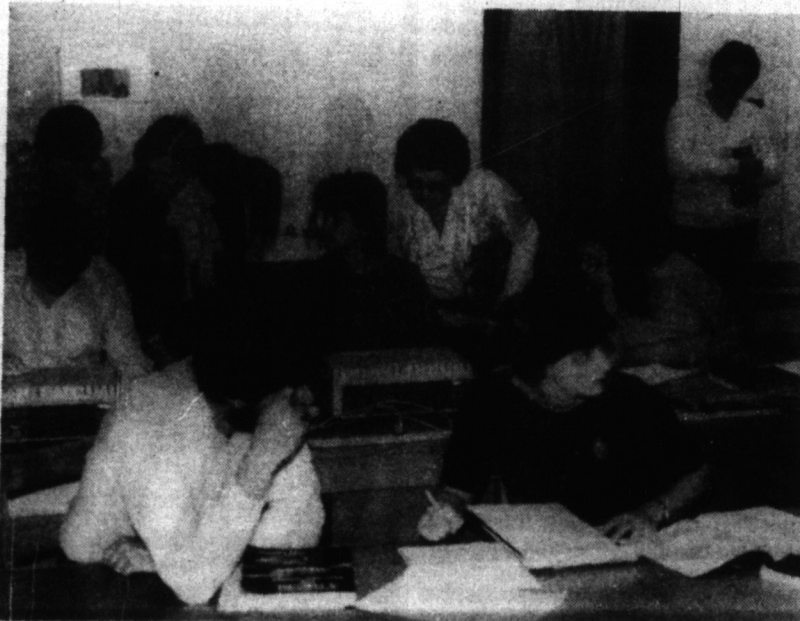
On July 30, a special work day was organized by Jimmy Knight, 70's alumnus from Laurel, and involved several churches, including Evergreen and Calvary churches (Wayne County); Eastview, Laurel; Calvary, and First, Newton. Extensive work was done in the men's and women's dormitories and the gymnasium.

A second group of volunteer workers from Parkway Church, Pascagoula, arrived on Aug. 10 and worked until Aug. 13. The group of five workers painted the library inside and out, installed a new communication system in the women's dormitory and painted the lobby. Tom Prather, Clarke administrative assistant who organized the work groups commented that more than 40 people were involved in the two work efforts.

All the labor was volunteer and most of the materials and paint used were donated. These work days have demonstrated that local churches can be effective in uniting to bring help where it is needed at Clarke College. While many cannot afford to make short-term mission trips to faraway places, most any church group can give a Saturday to work at a place where hundreds of missionaries have been trained, and hundreds more will prepare to meet the challenge of Bold Mission Thrust.



Van Mitchell, Conehatta, contemplates "required listening" in the library at Clarke.



Business programs at Clarke feature several courses in computer science.



The Clarke College Singers—available for churches and schools—take a break from their 1983 tour.

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Clarke College holds summer Bible institute

The Second Annual Mississippi College-Clarke College Summer Bible-Preaching Institute was held Aug. 1-5 on the Clarke College campus. Officials noted that the total of 71 participants more than doubled last year's attendance.

Bible study and sermon analysis focused on the Book of I Corinthians as pastors and lay persons found the opportunity to study, listen, and participate in scheduled activities.

For the second year, Ray Frank Robbins, Senior Professor at Mississippi College and Professor Emeritus at New Orleans Seminary and Earl Guinn, President Emeritus of Louisiana College and Professor Emeritus from Southern Seminary

served as co-leaders of the workshop. Throughout the week, participants heard sermons by Clarke College instructors, Ed Ruddick, Ron Kirkland, and Charles Melton and Mississippi College professors Charles Davis, Philips McCarty, Joe Cooper, and Jack Glaze.

Thursday was highlighted by a violin concert by Mary Rae, 12-year-old daughter of workshop participants Jeanette Rae of Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Rae is a member of the Cincinnati Junior Strings.

Due to the success of the Institute, plans are already being made for the third session to be held in early August, 1984.



Chief Choc, the Mississippi College mascot, has captured the hearts of many sports fans over the past several years, but he has also won the hearts of many others who visit the campus for various reasons. Here he shares some moments with Chester Swor of Jackson, on one of Swor's frequent visits to the campus. Swor, a favorite of Mississippi College students, is an MC grad.

Missionary News

Gay and Guy Kendall and Don King will on Aug. 29 begin two weeks of mission ministry in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in evangelism and discipleship training. They are members of First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Hal and Lou Ann Lee, missionaries to France, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 4233 Carter Circle, Jackson, Miss. 39209). He was born in Ruston, La., and lived in several Mississippi towns while growing up. The former Lou Ann Green, she was born in Independence, La., and also lived in Prentiss, Poplarville and Pascagoula, Miss., while growing up.

Threats won't sidetrack construction

GODLEY, Texas (BP)—Despite tension in the community, hostile petitions and vandalism, a new Hispanic mission in Godley will be built as planned, according to Pastor Gordon R. Bergstrom of First Church, Godley.

Land for the mission was donated by dairyman Roy Carrell. On July 30, about 30 Hispanic and Anglo men sank steel posts and strung barbed wire around the land. The next day they

discovered the fence had been cut and the posts bent over. Carrell's pasture fence also had been cut, and some of his cattle had escaped.

"It gives you a sick feeling to think that people feel this way," Bergstrom said. "But we are committed to see this project through."

Opponents reportedly see the mission as a "flop house" or rescue mission and think transient illegal aliens

will be attracted by prospects of free lodging and food. Some neighbors have denied the missions access to nearby water.

The mission congregation began meeting in Carrell's barn about three years ago, then moved to the civic center and finally to First Church, with 70-90 in weekly attendance. Texas Baptist Men retirees are expected to help build the mission. Lynn Godsey is the mission pastor.

BMC includes course in microcomputers

In Jan. of 1983, Blue Mountain College began an expansion of the Business Department to include courses in microcomputers. Until recently this was the only program of its kind offered in north Mississippi. The sequence consists of four courses offered during the evening, beginning with a basic course in computer terminology and familiarization and advancing to computer programming and hands-on-application.

The program was so well received that the classes overflowed and an additional class time had to be added to accommodate the number of students taking the class.

Ten computers have been acquired during the summer and the second in the four course sequence will be offered beginning in September, as well as a re-offering of the first course in the sequence. The second course will

consist of some computer programming and hands-on-operation of the micro-computer.

The Business Department at Blue Mountain College has begun an expansion program which will incorporate a business administration minor. The thrust of this expansion is to allow liberal arts majors to acquire practical business expertise to more readily adapt and apply the advantages of a liberal arts education in the business world. There is currently a prevailing interest in the business world to obtain quality employees with communication and writing skills.

The emphasis in the business program at Blue Mountain College is to educate people in the liberal arts tradition who have the basic understanding of business and industry; to broaden the spectrum of these future business leaders.

Four majors offered in biblical studies

The Department of Biblical Studies and Church Vocations now offers four majors: biblical studies for those interested in the pastoral ministry; church vocations for those interested in the educational phase of church ministry; church history and missions for those interested in home or foreign mission ministry and biblical studies and philosophy for those interested in a philosophical approach to biblical interpretation. The first two majors are also offered on our coast campus.

As a service to the community, the department offers, each semester, a free evening course in Bible, and a series of lectures on television.

The department is staffed with well qualified professors, all with doctoral degrees from one of our Southern Baptist seminaries. Believing that everyone entering into a church re-

lated vocation should have a basic preparation in the fundamentals of church ministry, the faculty of the department has formulated requirements for all majors which includes Old Testament and New Testament studies, biblical geography and archaeology, principles of interpretation, history of world religions, Baptist work, and an internship. After the student has completed these requirements, he then completes the required hours for his major field of interest.

Another way to help students understand more about the Bible lands is to give them the opportunity to make a tour of the Holy Land. William Clawson, chairman of the department, will lead a tour in December to Jordan, Israel, Egypt, and Luxor. The tour is also open to anyone wishing to join the group.

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tion and the BSU. Students are involved in local missions in convalescent homes, the Columbia Training Center, international student retreats and ministry, and Spiritual Emphasis Week. Last year's Spiritual Emphasis Week resulted in four students going on a two-week mission trip to Belize, Central America. Carey's BSU sent out eight summer missionaries this year.

BMC presents

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was student body president, listed in Outstanding Young Men in America, and National Dean's list.

The Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture program at Blue Mountain will feature Dick Couey, professor of health, physical education, and recreation at Baylor University. Couey is an author and lecturer in physical fitness which approaches from a Christian perspective. This featured program will be presented on the Blue Mountain College campus Feb. 13-15.

Dallas freshmen get computers

DALLAS (BP)—Each entering freshman at Dallas Baptist College will have his or her personal, portable microcomputer. The computers are being made available by the college to implement a vote of the DBC faculty to require computer literacy of all new students.

Freshmen enrolling at DBC beginning this fall will be assessed a computer use fee, which will entitle them to full use of a TRS-80 Model 100 briefcase computer. Students who pay the fee for four semesters will have purchased the Model 100.

Gold hoard found

WASHINGTON (EP)—Archaeologists digging at Capernaum, a site on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee, have uncovered the largest gold hoard ever found in Israel.

Buried under a paving stone in the courtyard of a Capernaum house were 282 gold coins minted in Damascus between 697 and 743 A.D. during the Omayyad dynasty. The July/August issue of *Biblical Archaeology Review* contains photos of the coins and the story of their discovery.

Baylor president recuperating Faculty will study academic advisement

DALLAS (BP)—Baylor University President Herbert H. Reynolds is in good condition following triple bypass surgery Aug. 8 at the Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas.

The surgical procedure lasted three hours, a normal time for the procedure, said the thoracic surgeon who performed the bypass. Reynolds was moved from the cardiac care unit to a private room on Aug. 11.

Reynolds was hospitalized for 10 days in June at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, Waco, Texas, following a heart attack in his home. He was admitted to the Baylor University Medical Center, August 6.

God answers prayer immediately. Wish fulfillment is something else.

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mediately for financial aid information.

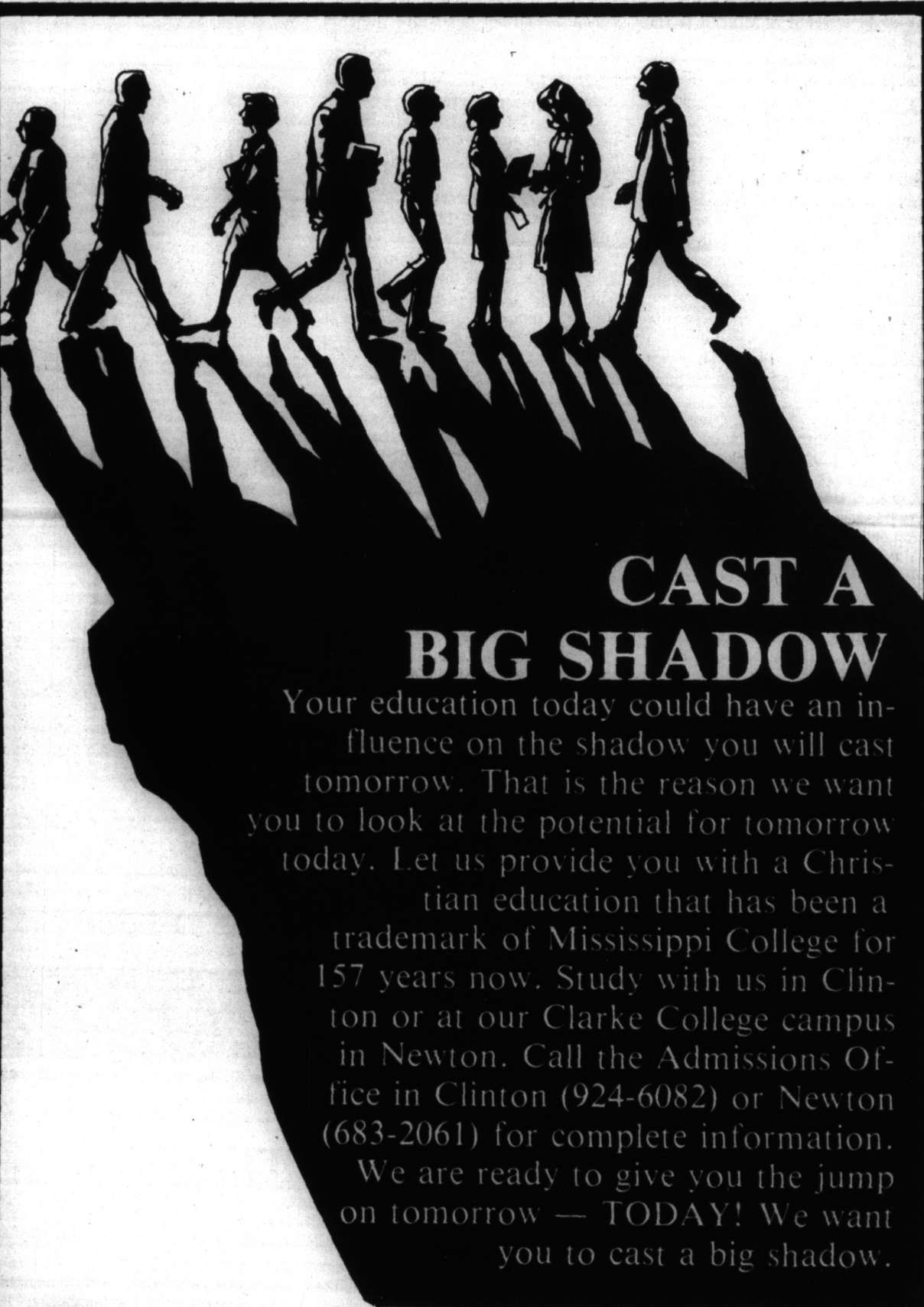
The Weekend College, sponsored by the Continuing Education Department, will be offering more courses this year as it serves adults who work full time and wish to earn their college degrees. New course offerings are planned for business majors this fall.

An innovative approach to Mississippi history has been introduced by the Dean of Continuing Education, Jack Rogers. He is conducting tours of historical areas in Mississippi and teaching as the group travels. He is available to churches for group tours of historical churches or for other

areas of interest to church groups.

Carey is always mindful of its responsibility to the community and has worked to offer services to the surrounding community. A tutorial program has been developed by the education department and is held each semester to help children with reading difficulties.

The Child Development Center on the Hattiesburg campus is widely recognized for its high standards in working with pre-school children. Education students gain first-hand experience with the children. The program has developed an additional emphasis for gifted children as a further service to the community and its children.



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Is Christ divided?

By Maurice E. Flowers, Jr.

Director of Missions, Jones County Baptist Association, Laurel
In writing to the church at Corinth, Paul refers to the contention in the church. Some were saying, "I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ" (II Cor. 1:12). Then he raises some serious questions in verse 13. "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or, were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" The obvious answer to each of these questions is No, No, No!



Flowers

Yet, I'm afraid that there are many who, in the name of Christ, have sought to divide Christ. They have heard that, "All we have to do to be saved is believe in Jesus. Just trust Jesus; he will save you." So they respond in faith, saying, "I believe. I want Jesus to save me. I want all the benefits I can get: forgiveness, cleansing, and a promise of a home in heaven." But they have heard only part of the story.

According to Peter at Pentecost, "God hath made that same Jesus . . . both Lord and Christ." You see, he is not only Savior, but also Lord. He not only saves us from the penalties of sins, he also comes into our lives to give guidance for each day. He accepts the responsibility of giving direction to our lives.

In the New Testament the terms "Lord and Christ," or "Lord and Jesus," or "Lord and Savior" are used together to refer to our Savior 147 times. All but one of the references is found after the four gospels. It seems that the early followers of Jesus had not fully understood until the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.

It is high time that we today recognize him as savior and Lord—both Lord and Christ. Is Christ divided? Can we have him as Savior, but not Lord? We must accept him as he is, both Savior and Lord! We must live it. We must teach it. We must sing it. We must preach that "God hath made this same Jesus . . . both Lord and Christ."

Revival Dates

Meadow Grove Church, Brandon: Aug. 28-31; 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Sunday; 7:30 p.m., Mon.-Wed.; Billy Williams, evangelist; Robert Nations, directing music; Jim Nunnelee, pastor.

Crestview Church, Petal: Aug. 21-28; services Mon.-Fri. at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Millard Box, Neosho, Mo., evangelist; the evangelist's son working with the youth during the week; C. R. Parkin, pastor; W. C. Rainey, Jr., minister of music.

Pleasant Hill (Clarke): Aug. 28-Sept. 2; nightly at 7:30; Danny Laferty, guest evangelist; Tom Harrison, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Lauderdale, guest musician; Jerry Bishop, pastor.

Oakdale Church, Brandon: Aug. 28-31; Sun., reg. services; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Bob Smith, evangelist; Franklin Denham, in charge of music; Alan Kilgore, pastor.

Calvary (Yalobusha): Sept. 4-9; homecoming Sept. 4, with covered dish lunch; nightly services at 7; Tommy Hight, head of department of practical theology, Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, evangelist; music by Larry Holloway, music director at Calvary; Don Snipes, pastor.

Homecomings

Calvary Baptist Church (Prentiss County): Aug. 28; homecoming; 22nd anniversary of the church; Sunday morning service at 10, with message by former (and founding) pastor, Trent Grubbs of Crenshaw; special recognitions by Mary Crabb; R. J. Bostick, pastor.

Oakland Grove Church, Laurel: homecoming; Aug. 28; John Hilbun, former pastor at Oakland Grove, preaching the 11 a.m. message; dinner on the ground; a short service of singing and other events at 1:30 p.m. (Hilbun, former pastor of McDowell Road Church, Jackson, has recently been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as missionary to Barbados.)

160th anniversary

New Zion Church, Tylertown: Aug. 28; former pastors guest speakers, afternoon service from 1:30 to 3; Harrell Shelton, pastor.

Satan dreads nothing but prayer. The Devil fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray.—Samuel Chadwick

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Warren countians brick Canaan, Indian church

By Lavon Hatten
Director of Missions
Warren County

"For the people had a mind to work" Neh. 4:6. (So re-enforced we the foundation, built the walls, the roof, partitions for six Sunday School rooms, a worship area, and an entrance room with baths and storage, then the entire structure was bricked.) This is a paraphrase of the Canaan Baptist Church, Neshoba County, Philadelphia, Miss., a mission project of Warren Baptist Association. But it had a beginning long before.

A layman, Dave Ellison of First Church, Vicksburg, challenged the Warren Baptist churches to "come over to Philadelphia and help the Indians provide a better building of worship." He made slides of churches and their needs then presented the slides to several church groups. The response was "interesting" but with little or no commitment. Ray Ming, pastor of Highland Church and a next door neighbor to Dave, expressed interest in the project. Ming was also chairman of the Associational Missions Committee. He asked Dave to present his plans to the Missions Committee. They invited the now-former Choctaw Indian missionary, Dolton Haggan, and a layman from the Canaan Church, Calvin Isaac, to meet with them and share the proposed building plans. Shortly, it

was approved as an associational Direct Mission Project.

During this time, Mrs. R. F. (Doris) Neely of Yazoo City and a member of First Church there, donated a house to the association. The house was to be torn down and the materials used in work to be done on the Canaan Church. The Yazoo Association Executive Council voted to accept the house, dismantle it and deliver the salvaged materials to the Canaan Church site.

Bill Thorp, a retired builder and member of Benton Church, volunteered to oversee the salvage work and to supervise the construction on the church on weekends.

The Canaan Indian Church set October 10, as groundbreaking day with special services and dinner on the grounds. Dave Ellison and Bill Thorp attended these special services.

The first Warren Association group of men began work on Saturday, Oct. 16, 1982. The work was completed July 16, 1983. This involved about 30 Saturday round trips of 220 miles. Construction included replacing the foundation, removing a tin roof, and replacing it with decking and asphalt shingles. The interior work included wall paneling five Sunday School rooms, kitchen cabinets, putting sheet rock in the ceilings, all new windows and doors, new electrical wiring with fluorescent fixtures, carpet, and tile floors.

An additional room was built with restrooms, storage and an entrance hall. Then the building was brick veneered.

Almost all the labor was done by volunteers of Warren Association with the exception of the masonry work and Thorp of Yazoo association who was on hand every work day to supervise.

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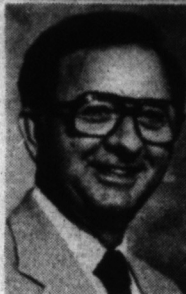
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Staff Changes

Thomas R. Tutor is the new pastor of



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Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale. He comes there from the First Church, Benton, Ark. A Pontotoc native, Tutor is a former pastor of First Church, Holly Springs. The church is having a reception for Tutor and his wife, Rose, Aug. 28, 3-5 p.m.

Steve Jackson has resigned the pastorate of Pearlinton Church, Gulf Coast, and has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Florida.

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Fred M. Evers has resigned as pastor of Pachuta Church to accept the pastorate of the Stone Creek Church, Macon, Georgia. He is a graduate of Criswell Bible College, Dallas, Tex., and earned a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

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Just for the Record

Jack Price will be preaching and singing in an all day praise service at McDowell Road Baptist Church, 1020 McDowell Road, Jackson, on Sept. 4. Services are at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., announces Johnny Speedling, Jr., associate pastor and minister of music.

Real Life Concert Ministries will sponsor Ken Medema in concert Friday, Aug. 26, at William Carey College in Hattiesburg at 7 p.m.

Open house for the new Crisis Building of Simpson Baptist Association will be Sept. 25, 2:30-4 p.m. The ministry begins operation Aug. 26. Glen Schilling is director of missions.

Trinity to dedicate church building

On Sunday, Sept. 11, 14 p.m. Trinity Church, Wayne County, will dedicate its new church building. The new location is one-half mile north of Highway 84 on the Boyles Road about 10 miles west from Waynesboro. Lunch will be served at noon following regular morning services. Jake Williams, Quitman, is pastor.

The church was organized in 1955. The old site has been sold to the State Highway Commission.

Mordecai and Esther

By Clarence H. Cutrell, Jackson
Esther

We have studied the lives of two women, mother-in-law and daughter-in-law, two brothers, two men who were close friends, and now we conclude this unit with a look into the lives of a man and a woman, two cousins, Mordecai and Esther. This is the last book in the historical section of the Old Testament. But there have been many across the years who have questioned its rights to be included anywhere in the Bible. For in it there is no reference to God, religion, or prayer. However, there are veiled references to a belief that Providence is overseeing the lives of the Jews and has taken a hand in bringing Esther to her exalted position with the purpose of using her to deliver the Jews from the hands of their enemies. Let us see what it teaches us about these two cousins.

1. **Esther exalted from exile** (2:5-7; 16-17). Esther, after the death of her parents, lived in his home as the ward of her older cousin, Mordecai, a strong Jewish patriot living as an exile in the capital city of Susa and serving in the palace as a porter. He had deeply instilled in Esther's heart the same kind of love and commitment to their country.

Ahasuerus, also known as Xerxes, was the weak and vacillating king of the Persians, ruling from the capital, Susa. During a lavish banquet which he gave for the princes and other royalty of the 127 provinces of his empire, the king was angered by his queen, Vashti, when she refused to appear scantily clad before his guests. She was deposed forthwith as queen and a contest was announced to find her successor. At this time Mordecai brought

Esther to the harem to enter the contest. There her beauty and charm made her an instant favorite.

After a year of training and preparation, she spent the night with the king and was immediately chosen as the new queen. What a change this one year brought in the life of this lovely young woman. From exile to the King's favorite! God still has the power to bring each of us into that place where we can render the greatest service to his kingdom. Let us be alert to recognize and follow the leadings of his Spirit.

2. **Esther required to risk her all** (4:13-16). From verse 2:18 to the close of Chapter 3, these significant events occur. Mordecai, while sitting at the gate of the palace, overhears a plot to destroy the king. He reports this to Esther, who relays it to the king. The report is found to be true, the two who plotted against Ahasuerus are put to death, and the entire incident is recorded in the annals of the king. Mordecai is given the credit for saving the king's life.

Next, Mordecai offends Haman, the highest ranking noble in the king's court, by refusing to bow before him. This vain, self-worshipper, determines not only to hang Mordecai but also to bring about the destruction of all of the Jews in Persia.

Now, in this section of the focal passages, Mordecai has just called upon Esther to appear before the king and plead the cause of her people. Esther replies by reminding her cousin and benefactor that the law stated that anyone appearing before the king without being summoned was to be put

to death. The only thing to save such a person was for the king to extend his golden scepter to him.

Mordecai replies that Esther is not to think that she alone would be spared among all of the Jews and implies a faith in the existence of a providence which will cause deliverance to arise from another source. Then he asks her the question (which probably is one of the best known verses in the book), "Who knows but what thou art come to the kingdom for such an hour as this?" Esther's reply indicates that she is not only ready to give up all of the pleasures and honor of her high position, but also to give her very life for the deliverance of her people.

Every trusting Christian has every right to believe that God's time-table was working just right to bring him into this world in these momentous days. Nothing short of Estherian commitment, however, will suffice to meet the needs of this day.

3. **Esther succeeds in saving her people** (8:3-8). In the dramatic conclusion of this moving story, Esther goes before King Ahasuerus who spares her life and encourages her to ask anything she will. She is able by her cunning to expose to the king the treachery of Haman. The king orders Haman to be hanged on the very gallows which Haman had prepared for Mordecai, and his estate presented to Queen Esther. Then Mordecai is greatly honored by being given the position vacated by Haman. An edict by order of the king is sent throughout the kingdom and the lives of the Jews are spared.

Bible Book

The futility of wealth

By Harry L. Lucenay, pastor, Temple, Hattiesburg
Ecclesiastes 4:4-6:12

The text for today presents a variety of struggles which wage war in the mind of the writer. He continues to try to answer the evasive question, "What has man to show for all his trouble and effort?" This section surfaces the motives which drive him and characterizes them as emulation, greed, and ambition. Unfortunately, these motives result in loss of contentment, isolation from one's fellows, and a quickly vanishing fame.

Rather than attempt to tackle all the subjects of this section, the editors of this study have chosen to focus on "wealth." The soul was not made for men to worship wealth. The writer was determined to exhaust all the expedients to which men can turn in their search after some solid ground of happiness in this world, and to show them that the true end of their existence can not be found below. Therefore, he takes the miser, then the idle man, and also the upright, enterprising, and successful businessman. From them he establishes the doctrine of this book. This dismal doctrine concludes that man must find his whole happiness, and the great end of his existence in the present world. When man evaluates life this way, everything is indeed vanity.

Peace and wealth (4:6, 8-9) — The writer sketches the portrait of a miser. He is alone in the world. He is completely bound up in himself as if he were the solitary inhabitant of the earth. He acknowledges no kindred; he has neither son nor brother. All the finer sensibilities of his soul have been

blunted; the love of gold has produced a complete apathy in regard to the wants and sufferings of others. Yet there is no end of his labour to gain that which does him or others so little good. His eye is never satisfied with counting over his hoarded gold. Peace escapes him and contentment is a stranger in his house.

Because the miser is a workaholic, he does not cease from his endless toil long enough to ask for whom he is hoarding such an excess. The miser and the envious man work alone, each in selfish competition with his neighbor. To work in cooperation with another person brings a better reward.

Promises and wealth (5:4) — The wise man must watch his words, especially when making vows. The foolish man makes promises when in danger or distress or when he is trying to impress others. However, as soon as the occasion is over he thinks no more of his promises. In the Old Testament, vows are not regarded as absolute duties which everyone was obliged to undertake. They are voluntary in nature, but when made must be strictly performed.

The fool commits the highest folly in thinking he can mock and deceive the omniscient God. Certainly God's blessing cannot attend the one who so flipantly seeks to dispose of his vows. It matters little that the fool gives the excuse that he has made the vow by mistake or minor error.

Far from being a negligible error, the failure to keep one's word and fulfill a sacred promise is a sin which will bring God's judgement (Deuteronomy

23:21). The man of God must be careful not to let his mouth lead him into sin. When a vow is made, a man should renew that vow and recommit himself to that vow anew and afresh every day until that vow is fulfilled or completed.

Problems of wealth (5:8, 10-13; 18-19; 6:10) — In this section of scripture the writer gives a series of reasons why the accumulation of wealth as a goal in life is vain. He also commends the simple life.

Oppression of the poor is blamed on the avarice of government officials. The writer has already announced the doctrine of future judgment (3:16, 17, and 4:1). There is then One in heaven to whom the highest earthly rulers shall be accountable. The very structure of government in the writer's day had each official watching the official below him seeking some way to extort money from him. This bureaucratic pyramid was supported by the poor. In the end, God will balance the scales.

Other difficulties which the writer believes are a part of the problem with wealth were: the greedy man is never satisfied (5:10); he will always have fair-weather friends who stick to him like parasites, seeking to devour whatever wealth they can wrestle from him (5:11); his anxiety over his wealth and the protection or extension of it will make sleep a stranger to him (5:12); and in the end his possessions will bring him sorrow as they possess him (5:13-17). Therefore, the man who seeks wealth must understand that the possession of wealth is no guarantee of happiness.

Wealth, so the conclusion must be, is

Life and work

Leader in crisis

By Larry W. Fields, pastor, Harrisburg, Tupelo
Judges 4:4-9a, 14-15a, 5:7, 31c

This lesson begins a five week series on women who found fulfillment in life. It is appropriate that we begin with Deborah, who was a prophetess and judge during the dark ages of Hebrew history, as recorded in the book of Judges. Even though she lived in a day and time when women had little opportunity, she is the only woman in the Bible who was placed at the height of political power by the common consent of the people.

When others were afraid, this one woman had faith and courage. Like Joan of Arc, who triumphed in France 27 centuries later, she awakened her people out of their lethargy and inspired them to a great victory under God's leadership.

One of her greatest attributes was her ability to remain strong in the midst of a crisis. This great woman of the faith serves as an excellent example for us today.

I. **The cause of the crisis** (4:1-2)

The book of Judges is like a broken record of a four phase cycle of spiritual erosion over and over again. The people fall away from God for false gods. Moral and spiritual foundations crumble and God allows an enemy to conquer. After futile efforts to free themselves the people cry to God for deliverance. God raises up a strong deliverer to defeat the enemy and judge the people.

II. **A call in the crisis** (4:4-5)

God seeks a courageous person of faith and vision to lead his people during a crisis. In this case he chose a dedicated wife and mother to chart a new course for Israel amidst defeat and doubt. Deborah was intelligent, trustworthy and inspired by God. She began as a prophetess and later became respected as a judge among the people. She would sit under her palm tree and help the people in their decisions. She possessed wisdom, insight, and discernment. She trusted God completely and inspired others to have that same trust.

III. **Courage in the crisis** (4:6-9a)

Under evil King Jabin the Israelites had their crops carried away, their women violated, and their freedom stifled. Under God's leadership Deborah calls for a liberation force to free them from the occupation army. She calls for Barak, a military leader in Israel, and for volunteers from

Naphtali, and Zebulun, the two tribes more affected by the Canaanites. She challenges them to take only 10,000 men against Sisera and his great army which included 900 iron chariots.

Barak was reluctant to accept this daring proposal but agrees to go if she will. At least he was honest with his fears. He knew people would be more willing to follow if Deborah was with him. She had them assemble at Mt. Tabor, a good offensive position, and planned for the battle to take place near the Kishon River where heavy rains and marshy soil would immobilize the enemy chariots. She also predicted that a woman would eliminate Sisera after the battle was won.

IV. **Complete Victory in the Crisis** (4:14-15a)

Deborah inspired the Israelites prior to the battle by reminding them that God had already gone out before them and the victory was theirs. Sisera and his army were "discomfited," which means utterly defeated and routed. Sisera escaped but met his fate in Jael's tent when she hammered a tent stake through his head (4:21).

We would be reminded that God goes before us when we accept his challenge and victory will be ours (Philippians 4:13).

V. **Celebration after the crisis** (5:7, 31c)

Deborah praised God for the victory and recorded a triumphal hymn about it (5:2-31). Even though it was a historical review of the battle and its results, our equivalent today would be, "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done." As a result of Deborah's leadership, particularly during a severe crisis, Israel had peace for 40 years, a rare occurrence, then and now.

She was a woman of abundant faith, steadfast courage, common sense, vision, and endurance. Others like Ann Judson, Lottie Moon, and Annie Armstrong have followed in her footsteps. As women gain more opportunities for leadership in the church, the community, business, and government, may Deborah's spirit and example serve as a worthy role model.

Off the Record

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a pretty sorry thing to acquire if it isolates a man and robs him of some of the finest of helps and joys that he might have had in life. In order to fulfill its proper role, wealth must be recognized as a gift from God and must be accepted without complaint as one recognizes both its benefits and its limitations.

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